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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF STEEL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steel production in the country during the years 1999, 2000, 2001 and till June 2002;

(b) the details of the export of iron and steel during the said period;

(c) the details of the steel plants which have commenced the production in year 2002 (till June 2002) and production thereof till date; and

(d) the details of production of pig iron and sponge iron during last three years including the increase in production and profit earned?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) The details of production of finished steel in the country during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and till June 2002 are indicated below:

(In million tonnes)

Year/Period	Production
1999-2000	27.17
2000-2001	29.27
2001-2002	30.61
April-June 2002+	7.68

+ Provisional

(b) The details of export of pig iron and finished steel during the period 1999-2000 to 2002-2003 (upto June) are as below:

(In million tonnes)

Year/Period	Export #	
	Pig Iron	Finished Steel
1999-2000	0.29	2.67
2000-2001	0.23	2.66
2001-2002	0.24	2.73
April-June 2002+	0.10	0.61

\+ Provisional,
\# Partly estimated

(c) Only a few mini steel producers in the secondary sector have come up in 2002. Details of production in these units have not been reported as yet.

(d) The details of production of pig iron and sponge iron during last three years i.e. 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 are as under:

(In million tonnes)

Year	Production	
	Pig Iron	Sponge Iron
1999-2000	3.18	5.35
2000-2001	3.40	5.48
2001-2002	3.95	5.66

The prevailing market conditions reflected in excess capacity, sharply falling price levels and lack of demand have adversely affected the financial performance of both sponge iron and pig iron plants during the period referred to high cost of finance, electricity and coke have, seriously affected the opportunity to earn a net profit by these plants.